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A Naval Officer for 28 years, I served America as a carrier pilot in the Atlantic, Pacific and Vietnam. In 1966, I was shot down, captured in North Vietnam and was a P.O.W. in Hanoi's communist prisons for over seven years. Our prison motto was "Unity Over Self." We survived by working together.

I've lived in Hawaii thirty years - Aiea for fourteen, but was born and raised in California. I have a BA from UCLA, MA in Political Science from UC-Berkeley, and graduated from the National Defense University in Washington DC.

Since '85, I've been speaking professionally to both national and international audiences, stressing how we each have the power to go beyond survival to emerge tougher than before. In Hawaii, I've spoken to scores of military groups, churches, schools, service organizations, charities, and state agencies. Since 9-11-01, my message seems especially important. I also write a weekly column for MidWeek.

I am State Civil Defense Advisory Council Chairman, life Navy League member, Hawaii Bicycle League member, and actively support Kapiolani Children's Miracle Network and the Boy Scouts. I'm married to MidWeek Columnist, Susan Page. We have six adult children, (five attended public schools, one Punahou); and seven grandchildren - five in Hawaii.

I derive my Platform from our prison motto:

"Unity Over Self": Unity for the Common Good, working together to create solutions for ALL the people of Hawaii: educators, law enforcers, business people and especially Hawaii's children.